From the Atlantic Monthly tor Sept-Haif an Hour Before Supper. BY BRET HARTE.

"So she's here, your unknown Dulcines,-the lady you met on the train,-And you really believe she would know you if you

were to meet ber again?" " Of course," he replied, "she would know me;

there never was womankind yet Forgot the effect she lospired for the excuses, but

does not forget." "Then you told her you love?" asked the elder; the younger looked up with a smile

"I sat by her side half an hour-what else was I doing the while! "What, sit by the side of a woman as fair as the

wan in the aky, And look somewhere else let the dazzle finsh back from your own to her eye?

" No, I hold that the speech of the tongue be as frank and as hold as the look, And I held up herself to herself-that was more than she got from her book."

" Young blood !" laughed the elder; "no doubt you are voicing the mode of To-Day;

change for delay. "Tuere's my wife-(you must know)-we first met

on the journey from Florence to Rome; It took me three weeks to discover who was she and where was her home;

I saw her again: And a year ere my romance began where yours ended that day on the train."

4- O, that was the style of the stage-coach; we travel to-day by express; Forty miles to the hour," be answered, "won't ad-

not of a passion that's less." "But what if you make a mistake?" quoth the ci-

er. The younger half sighed. "What happens when alguals are wrong or switches misplaced!" be replied. "Very well, I must bow to your wiedom," the el-

That your chances of winning this woman your boldness has bettered no whit.

"Way, you do not, at best, know her name. And what if I try your ideal With something, if not quite so fair, at least more en right and real?

"Let me find you a partner. Nay, come, I insistyou shall follow-this way.

"My wife, Mr. Rapid-Eb, what! why, he's gonenet be said he would come; How sude! I don't wonder, my dear, you are prop'

erly crimson and damb!" A Russian Ghost Story.-In a certain village -the story runs-there was a girl who hated work but loved gossip. So she never spun herself, but used to invite the other girls to ber house, where she feasted them and they spun for her. During one of these spinning feasts a dispute arose as to which of the party was the bold-

"I'm not afraid of anything," said the lazy-

" Well, then," said the spinners, "if you're not afraid, go through the grave-yard into the church, take down the Holy Picture from the door, and bring it here."

"Very good," said she; "I'll bring it, only each of you must spin me a distaff-full." Well, she went to the church, took down the

picture, and brought it home with her. But then the picture had to be taken back again, and the midwight hour had arrived. Who will take it? "Go on spinning, you girls," said the lazybones; "I'll take it back myself. I'm not afraid of anything !

So she went back to the church and replaced the picture. As she passed through the grave yard on her return, she saw a corpse in a white e and pulled its shroud off (Its hour for stirring hadn't arrived, perhaps.) Then she went home, carrying the shrond with her.

of their wits. But the lazy-bones took the shroud, opened the window, and said: There, take it!"

"No," replied the corpse, "take it to the place you took it from."

Just then a cock crowed; the corpse vanished. Next night, at the same bour, after all the spinners had gone to their own homes, the corpse come again, tapped at the window, and cried : " Give me my shroud !"

window and offered the corpse its shroud but it remained.

took it from."

Just then the cocks began to crow-the corpse disappeared. Well next day they sent for the priest, and told him the whole story, and implored him to help them. The priest reflected awhile, the ground. And straitway the girl disappeard cept her back hair .- [The Cornhill.

AN APPARITION.-The public of Vienna have been much troubled by the story of an apparition which has lately occupied the newspapers of the garnets is not far off; that of diamonds is further. Austrian Capital. A sentry, posted by night in But the range is very extensive, and runs into the lubbies of the Imperial Palace, observed to Chiahuha. his dismay a female figure, enveloped in the long folds of a capacious cloak, emerge from the chambers of the late Archdorhess Maria. The plarmed soldier at ouce saved himself from intercourse shock there were 3,003 dwelling houses in the with the ghost by flight, and told his story to his city. Of these 1,960 were ruined, and 894 so superior officer. Without putting faith in his damaged as to be uninhabitable, leaving only 149 nurrative, the Marshal of the Court established a in good condition. There were, besides, 1,331 watch, and caused the lobbies communicating other buildings-shops, cafes, mosques, factories, with the room of the mother of the Emperor to &c. Of these there are left but 349 shops, 1 be occupied by the Palace Guards. Next night mosque, and 1 scap factory, so that of 4.334 the mysterious vision was again seen by several buildings of all kinds only 500 are left. The persons, but vanished almost instantly. Another night the phantom showed itself to a second sen-killed and an equal number wounded. In Lucdia try, who fainted with terror. Some days later a there were 2.150 houses ruined, and more than new sentry saw the spectre approach, but more 300 persons were killed and wounded. The bold than his companions, he maintained his amount contributed towards rebuilding the city sang froid, and aimed a blow at it with his bayonet. The spectre thereupon took to flight, but, but the Government has, until the present time, pursued by the soldier, fell mortally wounded by refused to allow the people to build at all. The a bayonet thrust in the back. The guarde and Winter is looked forward to with great anxiety. attendants hastened to the spot on hearing the This Antioch calamity seems to be one of the cries of the wounded ghost, and found a beardless youth, who was recognized as a priest. The strangest part of the business is that the Court and the court of the business is that the Court of the business is the court of t has done its utmost to hush the matter up; and done in turnishing the pitiful sum of £900 sterling to aid a houseless population of 17,000. the mystery has been relieved from his sentry duties, and sent, as was said, to join a distant

A sab story is told apropos of the death of Mdlle.

Charton. She made her debut on the Paris boards. garrison. The Toyblatt, however, says he has when only twenty years of age-a fine looking girl,

The Zuni Villages.

[From the Saucelita Berald,] Not far eastward of the sources of the Little Colorado, on the great trail from Fort Mohaveon the Colorado, to Albuquerque, on the Rio Grande, and over a day's journey from the northern extremity of the Great Diamond Range now attracting attention, there are rains of Aztec settlements, and three villages inhabited by Indians. They are called Zuni villages. Each describes them :

They are a race differing essentially from the Indian tribes around them. The Narajos are their neighbors on the Northwest, the Apaches on the South. Their physiognomy and their stately bearing, as well as their pride of dress, show them to belong to a race of Indians far superior to the surrounding tribes. The Zuni women are comely. They are remarkable for the modest fullness of their dress. They wear skirts of black woolen cloth, and a scarf gracefully folded But then we old fogics, at least, gave the lady some over the breast. These goods are of their own make. Their hair, neatly braided, forms a headdress. Their houses are clean, and their cooking feet high and made out of six hundred news-

is not to be despised. The Zuns Indians are more than semi-civilized. They are essentially a pastoral people. They till "Three more to be duly presented; three more ere the ground. They have fields of corn, wheat, and vegetables. They have flocks of sheep and goats. They raise horses, horned cattle and asses. They corral their stock at night in high stone inclosures. grand frolic at threshing time. The grain in sheaf is taken to a broad, flat, rocky place, and thirty or forty horsemen capter and caper about love at all. [Voice -" Just so."] on this threshing floor till the grain is well separated. It is then winnowed by raking the straw and tossing the chaff in the wind. After this, they close the day with a general horse-race, after the fashion of our Agricultural Fairs.

As our diamond hunters are about to people the neighboring country, it is interesting to know that these Zoni Indians are friendly to white men, and that supplies can be had there. The Valley of the Rio Grande is also well settled with Mexican farmers and herdsmen. These and the My dear, will you not add your grace to entreat Mr. Zunis will make common cause with the miners against the plundering Apaches.

The Zoni Indians never make wars of aggres sion. They stand on the defensive. But outside Indians fear them because of their superior organization and means of defense. Therefore, their quietude is seldom disturbed.

Their well-watered soil is a dark, gravelly loam. They have at all times excellent pusture; to the use of which travelers entering the dismond region by way of Santa Fe and Albuquerque, are made welcome on payment of a moderate charge. The houses of these Zoni villages are well built of stone, three stories high; each ascending story recedes, so as to make a terrace in front. These Zuni Indians are troly devont. Their interior temples and alters, their priesthood and peremonials bear relationship not remote from ours. Traces of missionary influence are evident, but the leading faith of the Aztec religion has not been changed. It is an error to say they worship the sun. They worship the Great Spirit who resides in that fitting centre of light and life and purity, to which are visibly traceable all earthly blessings, and beyond which even imagina-

tion finds no tracings. To this earth and its brother worlds, the Great Spirit is an All-seeing Eye, omniscient and omnipresent; and though our sight penetrates the Universe and scans tens of millions of star-suns, not one nor all of these suns combined stands to us in so intimate and so all-creative and omniposhroud sitting on a tomb. It was a moonlight us alone, and our system knows none other, nor gill and throwing the whole at my feet. Then a night and everything was visible. She went up needs to look beyond. We have dogmas less looking glass between the windows was broken sensible than this revelation of reason to primitive worshippers of the Most High.

This visible presence promotes devotion un-After supper, when everybody had gone to known to prayer book worship. Nothing is more bed, all of a sudden the corpse tapped at the touching than the prostrate reverence they pay window, saying, " Give me my shroud! Give me to the Great Spirit at rise an set of sun. There my shroud!" The other girls were firightened out is a living earnestness in it, to us utterly unknown

and inconceivable. . They claim descent from the subjects of Montezuma. It will be remembered that the court and the temples of the city of Mexico were found by Cortez, rich in gold and precious stones. The sources of the gold are known, but where they got the precious stones has been a mystery. It seems probable that the uncestors of the present Zani Indians were employed by the Government in gathering the jewels which were so profuse in Weil, the girl's father and mother opened the Mexico, and on the downfall of Montezama, some

- No! Let her carry it back to the place she the history of Cortez's conquest, we are told that There is such a tradition among them. In there was a prophecy in their sacred records that pale faces would invade and conquer them. The Zonis have a tradition resembling it. They quote it with some variation, viz.; that a pale-faced man, with a white, flowing beard, would come then sold the girl to come to mass next day. So from the East, and restore them to a kingdom of in the morning she went to mass. The service refinement and happiness. The tradition intibegan. Numbers of people came to it. But mates that the pale faces will come, not to take just as they were going to sing the "Cherubim their lands, but to gather stones and minerals; Song," a terrible whirlwind arose. And it caught and that the Great Spirit will lead them, by this up the girl in the air and then flung her down on attraction, that they may come and learn to know the true Deity, and where is the new Home in from sight : nothing was ever found of her ex- the brightness of which they are to dwell with | jugal devotion is so well known that little need be Him, after their pilgrimage on earth. They are | said on that subject. A lady once congratulated not very communicative about precious stones; but they intimate that the country of rubies and

> THE EARTAHQUAKE AT ANTIOCH,-A letter from Beyrout gives some statistics of the earthquake at Antioch in April last. Before the population was about 17,600, of whom 500 were

been put in a prison, and is now in solitary confinement. The clerical papers deny that the ghost was a priest; but, on the other hand, it is alleged that he was one of the young chaplains attached to the Paiace, and a tool of the Jesuits-

ELI PERKINS ON STYLE -Fli Perkins has been preaching to the Saratogans through the New A. W. PEIRCE & CO.

York Commercial thusly: Style is a sort of cramping of nature. borse's neck is naturally beautiful, but check him up and you make style. A woman is beautiful, but the French milliner girts her up, in fact, and she becomes stylish. [Cheers by the jockeys.] Why "bang" a borse's tail? Why "bang" contains probably two thousand people. An in- a girl's hair in front? Why cramp your feet ! telligent officer who has been among them, thus O! to get style. We run angles and parallelo grams into our carriage-boxes, into our jewelry, into figures on calico and wall paper. We can make more beautiful figures for our porcelain and jewelry, but we finally go back to Pompeii for

> get drunk. No, my bearers, men admire style, but they fall in love with beauty. A beautiful arm, or a sweet month filled with pearls, will catch a man's heart quicker than all the cold style in the world. [Voice-hear, hear.] No man ever fell in love with false hair or a panier, even if it were twenty papers. The girl's original back was good enough for Phidias and Canova. A panier would not improve the Venus de Milo or the Florentine

What do men like? [Voice-To gamble and

Venus de Medici. So much hair disgusts a neat man. It is not sweet sweetness and neatness about a woman catch a man quicker than any thing else. [Cheers by the fellows.] Why bear They use all their animals for food, but a fatted down the head like Atlas with a ponderous ass is their favorite dish. They keep fowls. They globe? The fellows discount all this humbug spin their own wool and weave it. They have a gery. [Voice-" You bet !"] They get through the paniers, false bair, and gewgaws, and fall in love with the girl herself, or they don't fall in

> Last night a lady came along with a low neck and short sleeves. I noticed she crowded the upper part of her arms tightly against her waist. This of course made her shoulders shrug up. "What does she do that for ?" I asked. "Why

don't she let her arms hang naturally ?" "OI she crowds her arms against her waist to flatten them out and make them look larger, eplied a lady friend. "She is shoddy." What is the result? | Voice-" North Caro-

lina is for Grant !"] Why, the whole female sex are losing their breast bones. The young lad es are stooping for ward and shrugging their shoulders ahead, making the back humped, and doubling up the breast bone till there isn't a place behind it large enough for good lungs or a healthy heart. Young ladies. why don't you stand proudly erect like Disna. and let your arms hang as if posed by Canova, and not as if bound together behind by a police-

man? [Sobs in all parts of the room.] THE SENSATION OF BEING STRUCK BY LIGHTNING. -On Tuesday week the house of Mr. John G. Whit tier, at Ameabury, Mass., was struck by lightning, and all the inmates for a time severely affected by the shock. Mr. Whittier, who was standing at the time, was prostrated, but soon recovered, and two ladies in another room were severely stunned. We are permitted to copy an account of the affair from a private letter written by Miss Lizzie H. Whittier,

nicce of the poet, to a friend in this city: You will remember the little room on the left of the front door; this is my sewing room, and in a shower I have always thought it the safest room in the house. There is no chimney in it, and no chance for a draught. Tuesday afternoon I was sit ting, as I usually do, by the window nearest the front door. A cousin from New York sat at the FINE ALE, WHISKEY, WINES other window, and we were both sewing. Uncle had just left us, after warning us against sitting so close to the windows, and had just reached the threshold of the "Garden-room," (or, as the papers have it, the study,) when the house was struck. It tore off some of the clapboards over my window, and after making a hole through the plastering ran along on the top of the window frame over my tent relationship as the Sun which is Father to | head; then down the curtain, tearing or burning the into bits and scattered all about. All that I realized then was a terrible light and heat, as I fancy a pistol shot glancing by my face would seem, and a feeling that something had struck me. My cousin felt the same, only for an instant she could not see me. None of us could hear plainly for at least an hour. My first thought was, "Where is Uncle?" I met him in the dining-room, coming to see what had happened to us. He said, "The house has been struck," and this suggesting fire, I went all through the house, though I have not the slightest idea what would have been my first step, if I had found it. We can not account for Uncle's shock, unless it was owing to his open stove, or to an open window in his room, though from the smoke and smell of sulphur all around, I do not suppose anyone could have been in the lower part of the house without having felt some shock. * * * Uncle says CENUINE if electricity is good for rheumatism, he should prefer to take it in smaller doses. We have all got over it now, and are thankful that it is no worse, for it is easy to see how bad it might have been.

DISRAELI'S WIFE .- A London letter to the New York Mail says: "It is a genuine sign of Mr. Disraeli's popularity that the whole town was glad to read the contradiction of Lady Besconsfield's slarming illness. But if her Ladyship has not been exactly III, she has nevertheless sustained a severe shock. Very recently, when on a visit to a friend, she felt a weakness to her arm and on examining the sensitive part it was found that a vein had burst and that some loss of blood had already ensued This was all; but the incident was of a nature to instify apprehension, and to account for sinister rumors which speedily got into circulation, especially when it is remembered that her Ladyship is apward of 80 years of age, and therefore fifteen or sixteen years older than her busband. Mr. Disraell's conhim upon his great affection for his wife. His answer was as true as it was delicately expressed: 'I ought to be fond of her, for I owe everything to her.' Under any circumstances he is a man who would have made his mark both as a politician and as an author, but without his wife's fortune he might still have been struggling for a place in the second official rank of the Conservative party. If all that his detractors say of him be true, he yet has tractive than many men of more saintly renown. Very good men are sometimes very cruel or very canting, but Mr. Disraeli is not a charlatan of this

GEORGE CATLIN, the great Indian traveler, de-Albino Indians, whose white hair touched the ground. In the principal Zuni village, that toward INSURES ON THE ALL CASH PRINCIPLE the Easi, there are many such families. These Albinos live among the other Indians, but, while they are treated kindly, they are not held to be equals. Their swarthy companions never intermarry with them, nor do they appear to associate in outdoor work. Their occupation appears to be indoors. Their pink eyes are too wesk to Director of the Company. stand exposure. Their features and the texture of their hair is like the others, but their hair is more liberally than this, and none is more reliable in its dealings with the invared. milk- white.

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